



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: January 11, 2013

LOCATION: 500 Block Walnut Ave & 200 block of Button St

TOPIC: Vehicle Arson Investigations

CASE NUMBER: 13S-00270 & 13S-00304

INFORMATION:

Santa Cruz Police are investigating 2 cases of vehicle arson that occurred on Tuesday 1/8/13 and Wednesday 1/9/13. The cases involved a 1998 BMW 540 and a 1996 Chevy Suburban. Both vehicles had fires intentionally set and both sustained significant damage. The Santa Cruz Fire Department was able to extinguish both fires and prevent their spread to other vehicles or structures in the area. In both cases, witness reported seeing possible suspects flee from the area.

The case involving the BMW (13S-00270) occurred in the 500 block of Walnut Avenue at approximately 11:35 PM on January 8, 2013. In this case witnesses reported seeing two suspects flee. They were able to describe one of the suspects as wearing dark clothing and having a slender build. There was no description of the other suspect.

The case involving the Chevy Suburban (13S-00304) occurred in the 200 block of Button Street at approximately 7:25 PM on January 9, 2013. In this case, witnesses reported seeing a Hispanic male with a large build, approx. 5 feet 7 inches, 25-30 years with a shaved head. He was reported as wearing a black "boonie" style hat, blue Pendleton and white T-shirt.

The police department is processing evidence obtained at both scenes and working to discover any connection between the two cases.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Santa Cruz Police Department Investigations Unit at (831) 420-5820. Anonymous tips can be left on our tip line or via our mobile iPhone and Droid app.

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